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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 0930

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG SF WA
SUBJ: NAMIBIA; PROGRESS OF THE LUSAKA COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA
MEETING - DECLARATION

1. THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE ON THE DECLARATION MADE CONSIDERABLE
PROGRESS MONDAY NIGHT AND HAVE NOW ALMOST COMPLETED THEIR WORK.
THE DECLARATION WILL BE A LENGTHY ONE WITH A NUMBER OF SECTIONS.
THE INTRODUCTORY PART CONDEMNS SOUTH AFRICA AND "INTERNATIONAL
IMPERIALISM." EFFORTS TO GET THE SECOND PHRASE DELETED WERE
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BLOCKED, ALGERIA TAKING THE MOST MILITANTLY HARD-LINE POSITION.

2. THE SECOND SECTION EXPRESSES THE COUNCIL'S FULL SUPPORT
FOR THE "ARMED LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE UNDER
SWAPO AS ITS SOLE AND AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE." IT EXPRESSES
ITS CONVICTION THAT INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE WILL BRING ABOUT
CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SELF-GOVERNMENT, FREEDOM AND NATIONAL

INDEPENDENCE IN A UNITED NAMIBIA CAN OCCUR. IT STATES THAT THE "COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA SUPPORTS POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS OF SWAPO TO SECURE GENUINE INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND PARTICULARLY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385 IN ITS ENTIRETY." IN THIS REGARD THE DECLARATION STATES THAT THE COUNCIL EMPHASIZES THE POSITION THAT "NO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF SWAPO, OR OUTSIDE OF THE FRAME WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

3. ANOTHER SECTION SPEAKS OF THE "TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY" OF NAMIBIA AND CONDEMNES "SOUTH AFRICAN ANNEXATION OF WALVIS BAY AND MILITARY BASES THERE WHICH CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO NAMIBIA AND AN ACT OF AGGRESSION."

4. IT IS FAIRLY CLEAR NOW THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE COMPLETED BY THURSDAY. SOME DELEGATES ARE SAYING THAT THEY MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO WRAP IT UP BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY.

5. COMMENT: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE REFERENCE TO THE SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED STRUGGLE IS SOMEWHAT STRONGER THAN THE MAPUTO STATEMENT, BUT NOT SIGNIFICANTLY SO. IN ANY CASE, THE AUSTRALIAN MEMBER OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE DOES NOT BELIEVE HE COULD GET ANY MODIFICATION OF THAT SENTENCE. WE FELT THAT THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE SUPPORTING SWAPO'S DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS WHICH THE AUSTRALIAN HAD INTRODUCED AND SUPPORTED AND WHICH

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HAD BEEN ACCEPTED WAS ABOUT AS MUCH AS WE COULD HOPE TO GET FROM THE COUNCIL DECLARATION.

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